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In re application of: Detlef CORDTS, et al.
 Application No.: 10/620,482
 Filed: July 16, 2003
 For: COUPLING

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action (10 pages) in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
- Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- No fee for additional claims is required.
- A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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- Also transmitted herewith are:
 - Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 - Other:
- Check(s) in the amount of \$120.00 is/are attached to cover:
 - Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
 - Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 - Other:
- The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
 - Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 - Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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